

"BEAUTIFUL DIXON" DISCUSSED AT MEET OF INTERESTED ONES

PLANS FOR ENHANCING CITY'S
NATURAL BEAUTIES WERE
MADE KNOWN.

PARK BOARD HAS FINE OUTLINE

Details of Their Plan Provide For
Great Work In Im-
provement.

A considerable number of city officials, leaders of the woman's clubs and directors of the Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting held at the home of Miss Helen Brinton on Thursday evening, and a very helpful discussion of ways and means for beautifying Dixon was enjoyed.

E. N. Howell, chairman of the Park board, presided over the meeting and explained in some detail the hopes and plans of those interested in "the city beautiful." Here are some of the aims of the Park board of the city and those others who are working along these lines:

Make a beautiful park out of Haymarket square.

Improve and beautify both shores of Rock river from the I. C. railway bridge to the east line of the city limits.

Mark in a fitting way the spot where Lincoln was mustered into the U. S. army and where met Lincoln, Jeff Davis, Zachary Taylor and Capt. Anderson, the Hero of Fort Sumpter.

Extend N. Crawford avenue, with the brick and the street car lines, on past the state colony and into Lowell park, giving a shorter and more scenic route to the park than the bleak road now in use and also providing economical transportation for the people of Dixon to and from the park, and making it useful for every citizen.

Connect park drives to be laid out in the state colony grounds with city streets.

Mr. Howell asked Attorney E. E. Wingert to detail more fully the situation regarding the marking of the old black-house where Lincoln was mustered into the service, and Mr. Wingert spoke very comprehensively of what a value such a spot on the Lincoln highway, properly marked, would be to Dixon. He explained that in the length of the great historical highway there is no spot that holds a more interesting history than does this site of the old fort, the only fort in Illinois at that time, located on the Lincoln Way just north and west of the Dixon bridge. He proposed that a monument be erected on the river bank just west of the north end of the bridge, where travelers might see it and where it would always stand on public ground and in isolated prominence. There is a strip of land along the shore fifty feet wide at this point, and by building a retaining wall it would be possible to make a very beautiful park for a great distance down the river from the bridge as was wished.

Mr. Wingert said that historical monuments held first place in the attractions to tourists. He stated that over 400,000 people visited Starve Rock last year, and that a historical monument of great national interest could very appropriately be erected on this spot in Dixon.

D. A. R. Offers Monument.
The ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution have offered to erect a suitable monument on this spot and they are prepared to go ahead with their commendable work if a site is procured. The city can well afford to make such a site as suggested and it is hoped this work, which would require a comparatively small sum of money, will be done as soon as possible.

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Organization For Country Club To Be Made Tuesday

Mass Meeting Of Those Inter-
ested Will Be Held At
City Hall

On Tuesday evening at the city hall, mass meeting will be held of everyone in Dixon who is interested in the promoting of a country club for Dixon, and at that meeting the committee which was appointed some time ago to investigate the desirability of available tracts of land will make its report and some definite action will be taken.

An organization, temporary at least, will be effected at the Tuesday night meeting and officers will be elected. Everyone who is interested in the movement is asked to be present at the city hall in the council chamber at 8 o'clock.

PUBLIC WELCOME AT Y.M.C.A. OPEN HOUSE

GAMES AND CONTESTS WILL BE
FEATURES OF NEW YEAR
FESTIVITIES.

BIG MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

An enjoyable time was had by the young people last evening at the Y. M. C. A. There was a bowling match between picked teams from the M. E. and Presbyterian churches which were closely contested, the Methodists winning by 96 pins.

On New Year's day there will be open house afternoon and evening at the Y. In the evening an athletic program—volley ball, bowling between Sterling and Dixon teams, basketball between Lee Center high school and the Y, and tub races in the swimming pool will be features. At the conclusion refreshments will be served.

Sunday at 3 p. m. there will be a meeting for men and women. The Lutheran choir under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Goodsell will give a half hour concert, following which Rev. E. C. Lumsden of the M. E. church will give a New Year's greeting address. Every other Sunday during January open meetings will be held at the Y, to which all are invited.

GRAND JURORS WILL REPORT MONDAY P.M.

JANUARY TERM CIRCUIT COURT
WILL BE CONVENED BY
JUDGE BAUME

The January term of the Lee county Circuit court will be convened Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Judge James S. Baume of Galena. The grand jury, the members of which are as follows, will report at that time:

- Alto—Martin H. Bly
- Amboy—C. F. Dewey
- Ashton—John P. Schaffer
- Bradford—Adam Schaffer
- Brooklyn—A. L. Der
- Dixon—Earl R. Buch
- Dixon—Poul G. Lord, Charles A. Garrison
- East Grove—George Myers
- Hamilton—John J. Hermes
- Harmon—Edward Hermes
- Lee Center—W. Oakes
- Marion Thomas Finn
- May—Charles Gay
- Nachusa—Harry Currens
- Nelson—Geo. F. Graves
- Palmyra—Bruce Zigler
- Reynolds—Henry Salzman
- South Dixon—Peter Hoyie
- Sublette—John H. Becker, Jr.
- Viola—Frank Knauer
- Willow Creek—Chas. G. Hackman
- Wyoming—Wilbur Woods

CORONER WAS NOT SO BUSY HERE

Nine Fewer Inquests Held in 1915
Than in 1914.

The coroner's business in Lee county was considerably less during 1915 than in the preceding year. During 1915 21 inquests were held, including all death investigations in the county. About half of these were violent deaths, which is considered quite low. In 1914 30 inquests were held.



THE old year's heart was
full of greed;
With selfishness it longed
and ached.
And cried, "I have not half I
need.
My thirst is bitter and unslaked
But to the New Year's generous
hand
All gifts in plenty shall return;
True loving it shall understand;
By all my failures it shall learn.
I have been reckless; it shall be
Quiet and calm and pure of life,
I was a slave; it shall go free
And find sweet peace where I
leave strife."
—Helen Hunt Jackson.

FIRE LOSSES IN CITY DURING YEAR \$2,493

DAMAGES CAUSED BY CONFLAG-
RATION THIS YEAR RE-
MARKABLY SMALL.

FIREMEN ANSWERED 56 CALLS

Blaze At the H. L. Fordham Home
In March Was the Most
Disastrous.

During the past year the fire loss in Dixon has been nominal and according to the record kept by Chief Thos. Coffey, was but \$2,493.36. In the 12 months the department answered 56 calls and of these a dozen were still alarms and five were grass fires. Undoubtedly the wet summer had much to do with keeping down the number of fires and during July, September and October only one call each month was turned in at the station.

The greatest loss during the year was the conflagration at the H. L. Fordham home on Peoria avenue, in March, when the damage amounted to \$1,186.91, nearly as much as all other fires of the year combined. There were two explosions during the year to which the department were called but in each instance the resultant fire was extinguished with a small amount of water. On Nov. 13 there was a boiler explosion at the plant of the Distilled Water Ice Co., while on Dec. 16 there was an explosion in the purifying room at the gas plant.

Two years ago Dec. 29 the auto motor hose truck was installed in the local station. With this truck it is able to make quick responses to alarms and it is the first few minutes after a fire starts when the best results can be obtained in fighting the flames and stop them spreading. The department is now well equipped and during the year a smoke helmet and other accessories.

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LITTLE GIRL HURT COASTING

Mary Gorman Ran Into Post—Head
Badly Hurt.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gorman, 1028 Peoria avenue, was injured this morning when she struck an iron hitching post while coasting down hill on her sled below the water tank on Peoria avenue, and sustained a deep gash an inch and a half long in her forehead. The accident was caused by the sled skidding on the icy pavement. A doctor took a number of stitches in the cut.

FORD'S SHIP IS DELAYED.

(Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 31—Owing to the rough weather the steamer which is bringing Henry Ford back to the United States will not reach New York until Sunday.

LEAP YEAR BALL TO GREET THE NEW YEAR

ROS BROOK'S HALL WILL BE
SCENE OF ENCHANTING
PARTY THIS EVE

GIVEN BY ST. MARY'S GUILD

Everything is in readiness for St. Mary's Guild Leap Year ball to be held this evening in Rosbrook hall, and it is not proposed that the bad weather will affect the attendance which is expected to be large. Acceptances have come in large numbers from young people in neighboring cities, and many will be here this evening in eastern Iowa, and the neighboring from Chicago, Rockford, cities and cities.

PROVIDE DUMP ALONG NORTH BANK OF RIVER

AUTHORITIES WILL ALLOW THE
DUMPING OF EVERYTHING
GARBAGE

It is announced by the authorities that until further notice the citizens may use the spot on the north side of the river between the Galena avenue bridge and the dam as a dump ing spot for nearly anything but garbage. Ashes and cans and refuse of that description may be dumped there. The city park board is endeavoring to get his spot filled up and expects to put a retaining wall along the shore line, or rather where the shore line ought to be, fill in, and build a parkway and drive on the top of it from the bridge extend ing eastward along the river to meet the present river drive farther up.

EIGHT KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

American Linseed Co. Plan in Chi-
cago Scene of Accident.

(Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 31—Two hours after an explosion of an oil tank in the plant of the American Linseed Co. in South Chicago, which was followed by fire, the coroner told the police eight men had been killed and as many more injured. Earlier reports placed the dead at 15 or 20. The plant covers five acres and has a million dollars worth of stock on hand.

CRITICIZES BIG CORPORATIONS

(Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 31—Criticism of the big corporations of the state for their attitude in opposing nearly every important decision affecting them was contained in the annual report of the State Public Utilities commission, made public today.

FRENCH COMMANDER IMPRISONS CONSULS

GERMAN, AUSTRIAN, TURKISH
AND BULGARIAN MINISTERS
WERE ARRESTED.

SERBS AND ITALIANS DEFEATED

German Report Says That Bulgars
Annihilated Enemy in Three-
Day Fight.

(Associated Press)
Saloniki says the German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian consuls, staffs and families have been arrested by order of French General Sarrait and taken aboard a French warship, while their consulates have been occupied by allied troops.

To Checkmate Tentons.
It is reported that British troops have been landed at Kavata, Greece, presumably to checkmate the attempts of the enemy to advance over the Bulgarian border.

Report Serb Defeat.
From German sources comes a report of the defeat of the Serbian army apparently reinforced by Italians, in central Albania. The report says the Bulgars almost annihilated the Serbs in a three-day battle.

Month's Casualties.
British casualties on all fronts during December were 1,066 officers and 17,300 men.

French Submarine Snuk
It is officially announced in Vienna that the French submarine Monge has been sunk by the Austrian flotilla off Durazzo and 14 of her crew captured.

WONT PLEAD HIS IMMUNITY

Congressman Buchanan Says He Will
Furnish Bail Next Week

(Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 31—Congressman Buchanan of Illinois, indicted for connection with the alleged plot to ferment strikes in munition plants of the country, stated today that he would waive the question of immunity and would furnish bail, probably within a week.

WILL BE GREAT CELEBRATION

Unprecedented Demand For Tables
In Chicago This Evening

(Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 31—Table reservations for Chicago's New Year's eve celebration are at a premium and because of the unprecedented demand the lobbies, balconies and even the corridors of the hotels will be used to seat the parties.

Cruiser Sank In Harbor; Internal Explosion Cause

British Ship Went To Bottom In
London Waters 400
Are Saved

(Associated Press)
London, Dec. 31—The British armored cruiser Natal sank in the harbor yesterday afternoon, the result of an internal explosion. The normal complement of the ship was 700 men. Her displacement was 13,066 tons, she was 480 feet long and carried 34 guns and three torpedo tubes. The Natal brought the body of American Ambassador Whitelaw Reid to New York from Portsmouth after his death in 1912, and remained in New York two weeks. There are about 400 survivors.

DECEMBER SET HIGH RECORD IN BURIALS

MONTH JUST CLOSING PROVIDED
MOST FUNERALS IN
TWO YEARS.

EIGHT LESS IN 1915 THAN IN 1914

There were eight fewer burials in Oakwood cemetery during 1915 than in 1914, figures compiled by Supt. W. J. Barry showing a total of 149 interments this year against 157 last year. However, the month which closes today set a high record for the two years in the number of burials at Oakwood, the 21 funerals being four more than in any month during the two years. The number of burials during the two years was:

	1915	1914
January	15	16
February	13	11
March	15	16
April	8	12
May	10	15
June	14	17
July	10	14
August	10	13
September	9	7
October	12	15
November	11	13
December	21	8
Totals	149	157

COPPINS SCHOOL TO REOPEN ON TUESDAY

DIXON'S COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
TO HAVE GREATLY IN-
CREASED ENROLLMENT

The Coppins Commercial college will reopen after the holiday vacation Tuesday for the second semester, and this bids fair to outstrip the first in the number of students, as a number of young people have signified their intention of enrolling in the school after the Christmas vacation. The head of the school, W. H. Coppins, who has just returned from attending the national convention of Commercial Teachers' association, Chicago, states that the reports from all over the country show exceptionally prosperous business conditions, and these conditions are reflected in the large attendance at business colleges generally.

GIRLS HERE'S GREAT NEW YEAR PROPOSAL

JUDGE HILL WILL MARRY YOU
FREE IF YOU POP THE
QUESTION SOON.

As opportunity is afforded to Lee county couples to have the matrimonial knot tied free during the first six weeks of the new year, provided the blushing bride-elect pops the question. This is the first leap year in eight years and to assist the young ladies in starting the year right Justice Geo. W. Hill makes the proposition that he will perform the ceremony gratis if the young lady puts the question. The date the proposition expires is on St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14, so it will be well for those wishing to take advantage of the "bargain day" price to get busy.

AUSTRIA PUNISHES SUBMARINE CAPTAIN WHO SANK ANCONA

REPLY RECEIVED IN WASH-
INGTON GRATIFIES AMERICAN
OFFICIALS.

DANGER OF BREAK LESS IMMINENT

Action of Austria Is Virtually a Dis-
avowal of Manner of Ancona's
Sinking.

(Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 31—The official text of Austria's reply to the second U. S. note on the sinking of the Ancona was received here early today and state department officials immediately started deciphering and translating it, which will require several hours.

Officials Gratified.
Officials who read the unofficial version of Austria's reply receive in press dispatches from London were apparently much gratified and the danger of a breach of diplomatic relations is no longer considered imminent.

Commander Punished.

If the official text confirms to the press dispatches which state that the commander of the submarine which torpedoed the Ancona has been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up, the payment of indemnity for the American lives lost, for which Austria has already expressed a willingness to make reparation.

Virtually a Disavowal.

It is pointed out that in punishing the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, Austria has in effect disavowed the act and given assurances that no repetition will occur.

CUPID DID NOT WORK AS HARD AS IN 1914

THIRTY-THREE FEWER MARRI-
AGE LICENSES ISSUED
THIS YEAR.

Cupid was not as busy in Lee county during 1915 as in many preceding years. According to the records of applicants in the office of the county clerk the number falls over a score short. June and October vied with each other as the popular months of the year in which vows were plighted as 33 licenses were granted in each. The bleak March winds seemed to exert telling influence over Cupid's wings as during that month all that could be hovered together were eleven.

The licenses issued during the year just closed in comparison with 1914 followed:

	1915	1914
January	30	30
February	33	26
March	20	11
April	16	21
May	19	16
June	18	33
July	34	14
August	15	21
September	34	17
October	29	33
November	30	27
December	32	28
Total	310	277

SEVEN STATES GO DRY TONIGHT

Saloons Put Out of Business in Many
Commonwealths Tomorrow

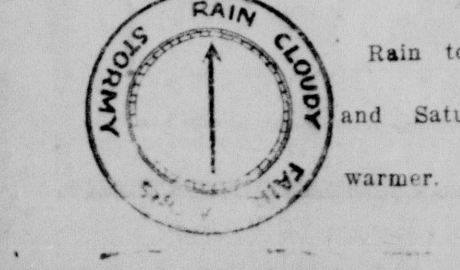
(Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 31—State wide prohibition of intoxicating liquors becomes effective in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas, South Carolina and Iowa at midnight tonight, putting out of business more than 3,000 saloons and a large number of breweries and distilleries.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

As has been customary the Telegraph will not be issued tomorrow, New Year's Day; and the paper takes this opportunity of extending to all of its readers its wishes that for them 1916 may be most happy and prosperous.

THE WEATHER

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Vest Pocket Essays

By GEORGE FITCH
Author of "At Good Old Siwash"

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

At this particular period of the year the New Year's resolution begins to occupy the attention of a great many citizens of varying prominence and sobriety. The New Year's resolution is a superstition to the effect that between 11 p. m. and midnight on Dec. 31st of each year, a backbone composed of gelatine and nutty will suddenly stiffen up and become so inflexible that its possessor will be enabled to say "No" and stick to it for years at a time.

Acting on this superstition men who cannot exist throughout the year with out a drink before and after each thirst, resolve never to drink again; while men whose mouths would feel like an extinct and unfilled crater without cigars in them, declare that henceforth and forever they will remain outside of the Amalgamated Order of Human Chimneys and will use the money thus saved and buy houses and farms.

Sad to say most of these resolutions do not last over 48 hours. There are many reasons for this. In the first

place, it is true that between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of Dec. 31st, men find it easy to refrain from drink and smoke, because they are usually full of both at that time. If there was some method of continuing this hour indefinitely, a great many tender little relatives would not be drowned at an early age.

Another reason is the fact that resolutions go into the game with no practice. A man, who wouldn't play football without looking up the rules, will start on a dry year with no practice whatever. New Year's resolution ought to be made on Nov. 1st, thus giving the maker two months in which to get up when necessary and dust off his clothes.

Another reason is the fact that men of weak and wobbly wills attempt too much. Such men should begin by swearing off on Welsh rarebits for a year. When this has been accomplished, let them swear off on mince pie of the intoxicating variety. They will then find it easy to refrain for a year from spring tonics, and by the fourth year they will be able to look the cock tail squarely in the cherry and pass it by with a virtuous frown—providing they can get rid of their friends. The friends are to New Year's resolutions what cats are to mice, and what a hard frost is to a peach bud.

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR CATARRH

Just Breathe Hyomei Four Times a Day and Be Relieved.

If a few years ago some one had said you could treat catarrh by breathing air charged with a healing balsam, the idea would have been ridiculed and it remained for the eminent investigator, R. T. Booth, to discover in Hyomei this wonderful method of treatment.

Hyomei has performed almost miraculous results in treating catarrh and is today recognized by thousands of people as the only advertised remedy for catarrh that can be relied upon to do just what it claims. The complete outfit of Hyomei is inexpensive and consists of an inhaler, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei.

Breathe the air of Hyomei through the little inhaler—druggists furnish with it for a few minutes four times a day and it will help the worst case of catarrh. It soothes and heals the mucous membranes of the air passages, prevents irritation, and effects complete and lasting relief.

In Dixon there are scores of well known people who have been relieved of catarrh by Hyomei. If it does not help you Rowland Bros. will return the money you paid for Hyomei. This is the strongest evidence that can be offered as to their faith in this remedy.

ROCHELLE

Rochelle, Dec. 30—Rochelle is to have a municipal skating rink due to the initiative of the Woman's club. W. C. Whitcomb, president of the Geo. D. Whitcomb Co., has donated the use of the property between the Whitcomb shops and the ball park, which makes a very desirable and nicely located rink. The ground will be flooded daily. The city officials are lending their support and will probably furnish a lighting system. The new rink will prove a much safer place for the small boy than the stone quarry or creek.

The five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rhoades died at their home in this city Thursday. A piece of glass became lodged in the boy's eye some time ago, but was removed by a physician. Later the eye became inflamed and it was removed. This in turn, affected the other eye, and an abscess formed on the brain causing death. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Delos Carpenter has taken a position in Moine.

Mrs. O. A. Wedler has been called to Rockford by the illness of her sister.

Charles Priest and Charles Vocht patients at the Lincoln hospital, were down town in automobiles yesterday.

W. J. Furlong, Jr., John Barry Hayes, and John Stegmeyer were Chicago business callers Wednesday.

Hiram Clinite of Swift Current, Canada, is visiting his brother, Ellis Clinite. This is his first visit in three years.

Nurses' Record sheets at the B. F. Shaw Bldg. Co.

MANY EVENTS OF 1915 AT HOME OVERSHADOWED THE WAR ABROAD

Notable Occurrences at Times Detracted From the Interest In Great European Struggle. Domestic Happenings Grippled Public.

By GEORGE L. KILMER.

THIS year of war has been relieved of its horrors somewhat by unusual events at home which challenged public attention. Throughout the winter and early spring the situation on the high seas as affected by hostilities brought into view the risks and perils to which neutral traffic was subjected by a war which affected the routes most used between America and Europe. Keen public interest, not to say excitement, has frequently been aroused, even up to the close of the year, by the atti-

Recognition of Carranza as Head of Mexico, Eastland Disaster, Wilson's Wedding and Numerous Other Events Marked Year of 1915.

viet and was still suffering when a mob of citizens kidnapped and hanged him, with the avowed purpose of executing the original sentence and ignoring the executive clemency which had been extended in a most extraordinary case.

Warship Parade.

An event heightened by the European war excitement was the parade of the north Atlantic fleet of United States naval vessels in the Hudson river and their review by President Wilson at a time when the tension of this country's relations with Germany was strained to a point



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1, The Lusitania; 2, Harry Thaw; 3, J. P. Morgan; 4, the Eastland; 5, Frank Holt; 6, Robert Lansing; 7, William Jennings Bryan; 8, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

tude of belligerent ships' officers and also of the governments behind them with respect to the rights of United States citizens upon the ocean.

Panama-Pacific Fair.

Among the notable events and occurrences which at certain periods and for a longer or shorter time have distracted thought from the vexatious war problems may be mentioned the Panama expositions, the unique situation in Mexico, the strange denouement in the Harry K. Thaw conspiracy and insanity case and the presidential wedding romance. Opening early and holding on late, the Panama-Pacific fair at San Francisco proved to be an exhibition which in ordinary times would have been a record breaker in the matter of enthusiasm evoked, as well in attendance and receipts.

In ten months, beginning March 1 and ending Dec. 4, the admission was over 17,000,000. Allowing for repeaters, it is fair to estimate that about one-tenth of the population which has passed the stage of babyhood saw the wonderful displays of the resources of the world which were brought together in one inclosure.

Thaw Is Freed.

The Thaw case, which had been relegated to obscurity by the tremendous happenings abroad, was suddenly revived by the extradition of the fugitive for trial in New York state upon the charge of conspiring to escape from the asylum for the detention of insane criminals at Matteawan, N. Y. On that charge Thaw and his abettors in the act were acquitted. The next stage was the examination before a jury as to his fitness to be at large. Here the victim of countless vicissitudes in his long fight for freedom was victor, and he was pronounced sane and set free to go his own way.

Of briefer duration than the Thaw episode, but equally dramatic and intense while it lasted, was the Leo Frank case in Georgia. Frank was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the governor. In prison he was nearly done to death by a fellow con-

where it was thought hazardous for the executive to leave the capital. The ships, numbering sixty-seven, were in the Hudson for ten days, where throngs viewed them at anchor or visited on board. On May 18 the fleet passed out to sea after review by the president and Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Originally it had been planned to have a naval gathering on the Pacific coast to pass through the Panama canal, led by a vessel having the president on board. The war developments led to the abandonment of that interesting feature of celebration of the completion of the waterway across the isthmus.

Submarine Warfare.

In February Germany extended the war zone to include the English channel and, in reprisal for British blockade of neutral ports to shut out supplies from the enemy, began to sink ships sailing under enemy flags on the routes of commerce between the continents. Warning was given that neutral passengers upon enemy owned vessels were in danger. Following upon the sinking of merchant vessels having citizens of the United States on board and with the loss of American lives the ocean liner Lusitania, from New York for Liverpool, was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland. About 100 citizens of this country went down.

The state department took the case in hand, and notes were passed between the United States and Germany. Germany was finally warned that this government would hold her to strict accountability and that further acts of the nature of the Lusitania horror would be held as "deliberately unfriendly." As a result of the attitude assumed by the administration Secretary of State Bryan resigned, and the portfolio was given to Robert Lansing.

Our Neutrality Assailed.

Early in the war charges were made in the interest of Germany and Austria-Hungary that partiality was being shown to the allies, and in January the United States government categorically denied twenty specific charges of discrimination against Germany and

Austria in international situations created by the war.

Among the early activities of Teutonic partisans was the case of dynamiting a bridge on the Canadian border. On Feb. 2 a German named Werner Von Horn made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up with dynamite the bridge across the St. Croix river, connecting the Canadian Pacific and Maine Central railroads.

Another partisan outbreak was the attempt of a German professor named Holt to assassinate J. P. Morgan, the banker, who was accused of aiding the allies. Holt killed himself.

The activities of officials of the German and Austrian governments serving in this country led to the retirement of Dr. Dumba, Austrian ambassador, and Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, attaches of German embassy.

Diplomatic relations between the governments of Austria-Hungary and the United States reached an acute stage during December, when this government sent a note to Austria demanding the disavowal of the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona with the loss of American lives.

Mexico Pacified?

In January a so called convention government was set up in Mexico antagonistic to the Constitutional party, of which General Carranza was chief. In June President Wilson warned the factions in Mexico to make peace. Following that, the A. R. C. powers, which had before acted with this country in efforts to bring about peace in Mexico, held a conference, and it was finally

As sure to rise as the Sun

You can't always make everything "just so." Sometimes you will get in more shortening than usual; or make the batter a little thin; or it may not be convenient to put a cake in the oven the moment it is mixed; or your oven may not bake evenly and it is necessary to turn the pan around—none of these little uncertainties make the slightest difference in results if you use

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COMPTON

Compton, Dec. 29—Mrs. Henry Marsh of Marble Rock, Ia., who has been visiting a week or more at the Abram Bennett home, went to Dixon Tuesday morning for a few days' visit with relatives.

Irvin Cole of Aura, Benjamin Cook, Stanley Banks, Wendell Argraves, Glenn Clemmons, Leslie Corwin and George Fribbits are spending the holidays with home folks.

L. E. Bradshaw and family left Tuesday for Louisiana to spend a few months.

Miss Hazel Webber is visiting friends at Rochelle this week. The Epworth League will hold a social in the church basement Friday evening.

Jesse Fox and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Beemer at Pawpaw.

J. L. Clapp was here from Storm Lake, Ia., to attend the Holdren-Abell wedding.

ILL AT HOSPITAL

Emory S. Newcomer of Polo, a brother of Mrs. Goodrich of this city, is still ill at the Dixon hospital, his condition showing no marked improvement. Mr. Newcomer is an old soldier of the 34th regiment and is always pleased to receive visits from his comrades.

White paper for pantry shelves for sale at the Telegraph office.

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days, with their parents.

A number of Walton young people spent an enjoyable evening in dancing at the James McBride home on Tuesday.

There is to be a New Year's ball

at St. Mary's hall Friday night, Dec. 31.

Miss Nana Morrissey is staying with her grandfather, Edw. Morrissey, Sr., during the absence of Mar-

garet O'Hare, who is visiting in Iowa.

Mrs. Herman Rothenbeck of Wisconsin, who attended the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Mary Jones, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and family

Society Notes of Dixon and Vicinity

CALENDAR EVENTS

FOR COMING WEEK

Friday.

New Year social—Zion church
Prairieville Volunteer club—Mes-
dames Aschoff

Saturday.

Kingdom-Bend New Year's dinner
—Mrs. Will Floto

Monday.

O. E. S. Parlor club—Masonic
hall
G. A. R. Circle—G. A. R. hall
Peoria Avenue club—Miss Bos-
worth

Thursday.

St. James Missionary—Mrs. Sauer
The Missionary Society of St.
James Lutheran church will meet
Thursday with Mrs. Sauer.

Social at Will School

A box social will be held at the
Will school house, five miles south
of Dixon on the Peoria Road, Friday
evening, Jan. 7th. Miss Julia Bre-
chon, teacher, and the pupils have
prepared an excellent program and
everyone is cordially invited. Lad-
ies are requested to bring boxes with
lunch enough for two.

Returns from Chicago

Miss Eleanor Coppins returns this
evening from Chicago where she was
a guest for the week of Miss Mar-
garet Heil.

L. L. Club Postponed

The L. L. club meeting this week
has been postponed, but will be held
later with Mrs. Wm. Davies of Ga-
lena avenue, when a special session
will be held which all members are
requested to attend.

At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Prindaville,
Supervisor J. P. Drew and family,
and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Drew of
Palmyra, and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Leo-
nard of Dixon will be entertained at
dinner New Years day at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murphy.

For New Years Day

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winebren-
ner will be entertained New Years
day at the Robbins-Poole home.

Fifty-first Anniversary

The fifty-first wedding anniversary
of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Yingling of
Franklin Grove was passed Tuesday
in a quiet manner by the aged
couple, who are in the best of health
They were married at Hanover, Pa.,
Dec. 28th, and have resided in Frank-
lin Grove since 1870.

To Sing

Willard Beach, bass soloist, will
furnish a solo at the morning serv-
ice at the Methodist church Sunday
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promises a very large attendance
and happy evening tomorrow. The
Marquette orchestra will furnish the
music for the dance.

New Years Dinner

Misses O'Malley of Peoria avenue
will entertain at New Year's dinner
tomorrow. The guests will include
Mr. and Mrs. George O'Malley and
family of Sterling.

Phidian Art Club

The Phidian Art club will meet
Tuesday afternoon at the home of
Mrs. E. J. Countryman on E. Second
street.

Mrs. Harry Warner will read a
paper on "Philadelphia." Mrs. C. P.
Reid will recite Longfellow's poem,
"The Builders." A very entertaining
meeting is in prospect.

Entertained Class

The members of Miss Beatrice
Howell's Sunday school of St. Luke's
spent an enjoyable evening Thurs-
day at the home of their teacher. A
tally pull was enjoyed in the early
evening and dancing later to music
of the Victrola formed the diversion.

To Marry Dixon Man

Sterling Gazette: Miss Irma
Thompson who has been employed
as assistant to Dr. E. W. Wahl for
several years, has resigned her posi-
tion and tomorrow will be her last
day in the office. She resigns to be-
come the wife of Charles Garriott
of Dixon, their wedding being an-
nounced for early in the coming
month.

Miss Thompson is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thompson and
the groom is a well known Dixon
young man.

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Woodburn, Miss Margaret Anderson
took her place as Martha in the in-
stallation ceremony. A sthe beauti-
ful ceremonies were closing Mrs.
Sophia Dysart, Past Worthy Matron,
presented the retiring worthy matron,
Mrs. Nellie Ayres, with the past wor-
thy matron's jewel, following beauti-
ful rendition of "The Rosary" by
Mrs. W. G. Kent, who graciously re-
sponded to an encore.

The Marquette orchestra rendered
a pleasing program of music preced-
ing the ceremonies and during the
hour when refreshments were served.
Later they furnished music for danc-
ing.

Parlor Club

The O. E. S. Parlor Club will meet
at Masonic hall Monday afternoon,
the affair to be a scramble luncheon.

Roses, Carnations, Sweet Peas
and Narcissus in cut flowers for
New Years at The Rosery, 104 Hen-



MAWRUSS PERLMUTTER

Of the Firm of Potash & Perlmutter, at Dixon Opera House Sunday, Jan. 2

Entertained

Miss Nellie Akers of Monroe ave-
nue entertained last evening Misses
Frances Dauntler, Emma and Ruth
Mathias and William Phalen. The
evening was spent in music and
games followed later by the serving
of punch by the hostess.

New Year's Dance

The Socialists will give a dance at
their hall Saturday night. All are in-
vited to come. Slothower's orches-
tra will furnish the music.

TAKING TESTIMONY IN DAMAGE CASE

SHAW MATTER IS BEFORE IN-
LET SWAMP JURY IN
CO. COURT

Today in the county court the jury
in the inlet drainage case have been

listening to testimony for alleged
damages that will be done to the
Sherman Shaw land in Lee Center
township provided the Commission-
ers of the district build the reservoir
dam and spill-way at the mouth of
Sand Creek where it empties into
the main drainage ditch on the Shaw
land. The dam is being built to
stop the washing in of sand from
the creek into the main ditch. It is
contended by Mr. Shaw that during
the rainy season the dam will hold
the water back and that it will flood
portions of his land. The hearing
took up the greater part of the day.
With the disposition of this matter,
the jury will be ready to revise the
assessment roll made by the Com-
missioners and will be ready to
make their report to the court in
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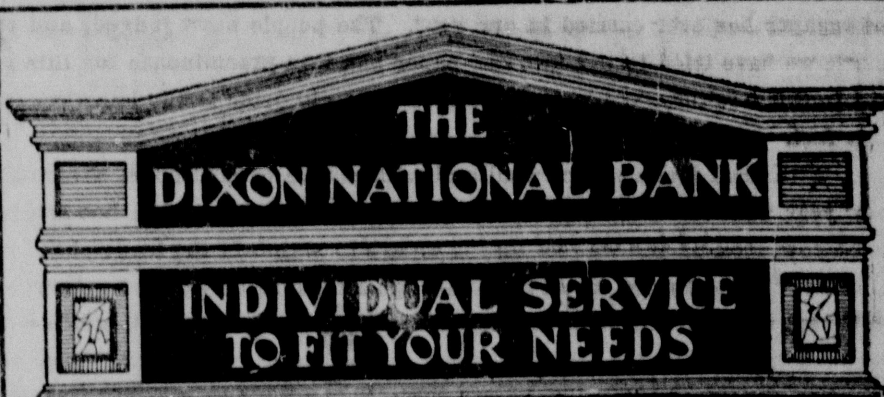
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HERE'S TO A BIGGER AND BETTER YEAR IN 1916.

The Telegraph wishes to express, on this last day of the old year, its sincere appreciation of the patronage and support that its readers and customers have given to this institution during 1915. The year that is closing has been one of unparalleled success for the Telegraph, thanks to the loyal patronage it has received. We hope we have deserved it and indeed we have made an honest endeavor to merit all that we have received. We believe that everyone who has read the Telegraph the past year or has dealt with this newspaper in any way has received the full value of his investment.

Our purpose is to make every year a bigger and better year for Telegraph readers and Telegraph advertisers—for Dixon and Lee county.

The Telegraph's subscription list is larger than it ever has been in the history of this paper. The Telegraph has carried more inches of advertising in its columns during the past year than it ever has and in fact, the Telegraph has carried more advertising during the past year than any Dixon newspaper has ever carried in one year. The people have judged, and the merit we have tried to put into our paper has won preeminence for this paper in this territory. We cannot but have a certain pride in the knowledge of this fact.

With good feeling toward all and with malice toward none, we enter a new year with the determination to justify the favor the public has seen fit to bestow upon us and we feel that if we are to maintain the leadership over all others in the future, as we have through all the history of newspaperdom in Dixon, we must continue to progress and improve. We will strive with renewed inspiration for a better Dixon, and a better "Telegraph." May the New Year bring you all the greatest bounty in Health, and Wealth, and Happiness.

MISS LOWDEN'S TRIBUTE TO BLACK HAWK

Among the most valued Christmas presents received by Colonel Frank O. Lowden at Sinnissippi farm was a handsome folder from his eldest daughter, Florence. It bore on the front a picture of the imposing monument, "Black Hawk," erected on Eagle's Nest Bluff on the Rock river near Oregon, by Lorado Taft. Inside the folder the following tribute to "The Statue of Black Hawk" was found in Miss Florence's own handwriting:

Thou great and mighty Black Hawk, who dost stand
So high above us, looking down that stream
Which flows through fields that once were all thy land,
Until the pale-face came with gun and gleam
To drive thee from the woods thou didst hold dear;
Thine eyes full sad, and noble mien, express
The longing of a soul with vision clear
For freedom from those bonds which so distress.
When we behold thee, standing thus a-mute,
Reminder of the wrongs once done thy race
By white men, who were far more like the brute
Than ye, whom they did drive from place to place.
Oh! can we wonder that thy tribes have sought
A bloody vengeance for the wrongs once wrought?

Needless to say the folder has become one of Colonel Lowden's treasures.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A lot of clever people are writing trite and snappy verses, eloquent and beautiful words and smooth sounding phrases about the coming of the new year and the passing of the old and we read them with pleasure and only regret that we were not smart enough to think of them first so that we might have printed them and sent them to you, dear readers, but in the face of such a high standard of literature and confronted by such a discouraging array of talented remarks, we will be honest and take refuge in that old but honest and heart-felt

Happy New Year Everybody

CHURCH NOTES

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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Church services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school is at 9:45. The mid week testimonial meeting is at 8 p. m. on Wednesday.

A free reading room is maintained by the church from 2 to 4 on week days. The Bible and all authorized Science Literature is for use on the table for sale.

METHODIST

Rev. E. C. Lumsden, Pastor.
Telephone 230
Sunday school 9:45.
Supt. C. C. Hintz.
Public worship at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning worship 10:30
Subject—"I, Paul."
Epworth League at 6:30.
Leader—Mrs. M. W. Rowe

Evening service, 7:30

Subject—"The Why of Failures."
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30
Subject—"The Book of Acts."
This church has a cordial welcome for you. Excellent music.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN

Rev. L. Woods, pastor.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship 10:30
Evening services 7:00
Communion in the morning.

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. L. Woods, pastor.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Annual church meeting and preparatory services for communion on Friday, Jan. 7th.

CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11
Evening worship 7:30
Secretary E. T. Bailey of the Y. M. C. A. will fill the pulpit morning and evening. The annual business meeting of the church will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD

Services in Miller's hall, Galena avenue, Sunday at 10:45 a. m., and



Out Rushed the Winds.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—

Odysseus Gets a Bag of Winds For a Present.

"YOU will be glad to know," daddy told his children, "that in his ten years of journeyings going home from the Trojan war Odysseus met some people who were kind. He once anchored his ships before a little island. Now, it happened that the ruler of this island, King Aeolus, was a favorite of Father Jupiter, who had given him power over the winds, to let them loose or hold them tight, just as he pleased."

"Could he have a hurricane if he wanted to?" asked Jack.
"Yes, for he was manager of all the winds. But he was too wise to make trouble, you see. When Odysseus stopped at his island Aeolus was very glad to see him and treated him kindly. When the Greeks left he gave their leader a present of a leather bag full of winds all tied up with a silver string, winds both harmful and helpful, with the command to them that they blow the brave Greek ships safely back to Ithaca, where Odysseus' home was."

"So nine days the Greek ships sped before the winds, and all this time Odysseus stood at the helm, ordering them, without any sleep. At last, quite worn out, he lay down to rest, and while he slept the Greeks' curiosity got the better of them. They felt of the bag and punched it and finally decided that it must hold treasures that King Aeolus had given their leader. Greedy to get some of this treasure, they untied the silver string to run their hands in the bag, when out rushed the winds that had been shut in so long, just like wild horses let out of a stable. They seized the Greek ships and drove them back in their course right on to the very island they had just left!"

"Seems to me curiosity always gets you into trouble!" cried Jack. "The other day I wanted to see what mamma keeps in her new glass bowl, and when I lifted it off the shelf to see I dropped the bowl and smashed it."

"Well, the Greeks' curiosity got them into trouble too, for the kind King Aeolus was so angry at their stupidity that he refused to let them even land. He would neither help them again nor give them another bag of winds. So the Greeks, in an unknown sea and hundreds of miles from home, without much food and very homesick after long wars, were obliged to take to their oars again and toilingly row their boats over the same course the helpful winds had once obligingly blown them."

"That's taught me a lesson," said Jack. "After this I am going to keep my hands off other people's things."

"Then I'm glad I told you the story," said daddy. "Now give me a good night kiss."

7:30p. m. conducted by S. J. Lindsay of Oregon. All are invited to attend these services.

GRACE EVANGELICAL

Rev. John Divan, pastor.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Communion 10:45 a. m.
Evening services, 7:30
K. L. C. E. 6:30 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45.
Morning worship, 11.
Subject of sermon, New Year's Thoughts.

Evening service 7:30
Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Catechism class, Saturday, 1:30 p. m.
The pastor will preach both morning and evening.

GERMAN LUTHERAN

Theo. Drexel, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morningservices 10:30

ST. LUKE'S

Rev. F. C. Grant, Rector.
Holy Communion 8 a. m.
9:30 Sunday school
Holy Eucharist and sermon, 4:30 Vespers.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. George W. Stoddard, pastor.
Parsonage, 410 Ottawa Ave. Telephone K-495.

Sunday school 9:45.
Morning worship 10:45
Evening worship 7:30
Subjects for Sunday:

Morning: "The Good Shepherd."
Communion service after the sermon. Let us begin the New Year right by attending church on the first Sunday. Go to church Sunday ought to be a great day in our church. Invite the members of your own household and a friend to come with you.

Evening subject, "Gideon and His 300!"

Our church will observe the Week of Prayer, Jan. 3-9. You are invited to come every night.

THE PEOPLES' CHURCH

Rev. T. W. Horsfield, Pastor.
Service 10:45.
On Sunday morning the pastor will occupy the pulpit his subject being, "The New Year's Message to the World."

The People's Forum and Sunday school classes meet at 11:45. Everybody welcome.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. A. J. Holland, pastor.
Sabbath school 9:45
Adult Bible class, Prof. W. R. Snyder, teacher.

Morning worship 10:45
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45
Evening service 7:30
The pastor will preach at all services.

All are welcome.
Special services during week of prayer beginning Monday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Cor of 3rd and Madison Ave.
Rev. Olin F. Shaw, minister.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. sharp.
Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

C. W. meeting at 7 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30.
A cordial invitation to all services

KINGDOM

Rev. A. J. Meierhoff, Pastor.
Sunday school 10 a. m.

EMMANUEL U. E.

Rev. A. J. Meierhoff, pastor.
Church 10 a. m.
Sunday school 11 a. m., O. E. Miss man, Superintendent

City In Brief

—A box of our cut flowers, or a choice blooming plant will make a beautiful New Year's remembrance—open this evening and on New Years day. The Rosery, 104 Hennepin Ave.

Charles Yonts, contracting agent of the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. went to Harvard this morning on business.

Mrs. Emma Geisler is suffering with the grip.

—Send your live stock to Shannon Bros. & Co., Union Stock Yards, Chicago. 253tf

Mrs. Hubert Bahen is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Christ Staas of Beloit, Wis., is here on a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Alex Turner.

John Feltes has been sick the past week with the grip.

Mrs. Emily Frisby of Second street is very ill.

E. J. Ferguson went to Peoria this morning to attend the funeral of his uncle, Walter Mathews.

Miss Anna Drew is convalescent after a severe attack of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Martin have gone to Chicago to spend New Years and the week following.

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Bowles of Gary, Ind., will spend New Years with relatives in Dixon.

Rev. E. C. Lumsden and wife went to Harvard this morning to visit friends.

O. W. Griffith and Miss Nellie Griffith of Ashton spent yesterday afternoon in this city.

E. M. Goodsell was a visitor today in Ashton.

L. W. Berkeley, forman on the Inlet drainage work, was here yesterday from Amboy.

Dr. A. W. Chandler was down from Rochelle last evening returning there this morning.

Mrs. Charles Gardner leaves this evening for her home at Toledo, Ore. Miss Amelia McCumsey will accompany her home and spend the winter on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Calvin Brown of First street is ill.

Trainmaster J. Schaughnessey of the Galena division of the Northwestern road was in the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Shuck of Blue Earth, Minn., and Miss Mary McGinty, who has recently returned from France were guests at the home of Henry Bohlken in Harmon township Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Reid has gone to Sublette for a visit with friends.

E. Hill Leith went to Chicago this morning for a few days visit.

Miss May Clark returned to her home in Sublette yesterday after a visit at the E. T. Leith home.

Mrs. John Duffy is ill.
George Krug was down from Ashton today on business.

Frank Tourtillott is up from Sublette visiting his father, Major A. T. Tourtillott.

ELDENA CHURCH

Rev. A. J. Meierhoff, pastor.
Sunday school 10 a. m.
K. L. C. E. 7 p. m.
Subject, "Consecration."
Evangelistic service 7:30

A series of special evangelistic services will start with this service and continue throughout the week. The public is most cordially invited to meet with us.



A New Year Greeting

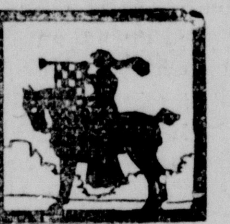
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Important Events of Year 1915 Concerning Dixon and Vicinity

JANUARY.

1. Death of Mrs. Barbara Smith. Foot and mouth disease discovered on John Strohm farm in Palmyra. Quinn Pettit died at Kansas City as the result of being shot by a policeman.

2. Robert Carroll sentenced to 60 days in county jail for theft of drugs from doctor's office. Death of Julius Gottlieb.

4. Warren Leivan purchased Soda Grill. John Peterson appointed to police force. Elizabeth Rink gave first bob party to children of Dixon.

5. Foot and mouth disease appeared on Bert Hoyle farm.

6. Dixon officers look for island bandits supposed to have been headed this way. John Clark injured in railroad yards.

7. Cattle on Strohm farm ordered killed by Federal Inspector G. M. Otis. Death of Mrs. Sarah Turner at Academy, S. D.

8. Death of Mrs. Minerva Ayres and Miss Johanna Spaulding. Miss Thomas purchased C. C. Campbell store.

9. Dynamite explosion on Inlet drainage ditch wrecked a building. Henry Bott assaulted. Robberies at W. H. Winn and W. E. Trein homes. Chief Coffey and Fireman Keyser injured at Boehme fire.

10. Death of Miss Mary Alschlager and baby Earl Peterson.

11. Foot and mouth disease made appearance south of river.

12. Rock River Military Academy dormitory destroyed by fire.

14. Bert Hoyle's cattle killed, first in county. Thomas Ford hurt by a wheel bursting at Grand Detour Plow Works.

15. C. H. McKinney resigned from Union State bank. U. S. Court of Appeals sustained Judge K. M. Landis in decision against cement company in suit brought by Dixon Pure Ice Co.

16. E. N. Williams died at Aurora. Death of Mrs. Charles Wood.

19. W. B. Brinton withdrew from mayoralty race.

21. Death of Jeremiah Raymond.

22. Death of Dr. C. A. E. LeSage. Death of Allen Stacey.

24. Shipment of livestock prohibited because of foot and mouth disease.

25. Elks' minstrels. Death of Mrs. David Weigle.

26. Masons held school of instruction. Death of Mrs. Rachael Zug, Franklin Grove, and Mrs. Ellen C. Glessner.

27. Death of George Kersten, Wm. Place, Baby Harry O'Malley.

28. Harms' rad in Palmyra closed because of foot and mouth disease.

30. A. H. Tillson held up.

31. Rev. C. H. Day called as pastor of Christian church.

FEBRUARY

1. Arthur W. Nelson arrested for desertion from U. S. A. Death of Geo. Metz.

2. Deaths of Mrs. Margaret Drew and Mrs. Emeline Whipple.

4. Death of James Lennon.

8. H. S. Dixon and R. H. Scott appointed members of park commission. Death of William Cavanaugh, Woonung pioneer.

9. Death of Walter Hicks. Foot and mouth disease appeared on Ira Pettit farm in Palmyra after two weeks during which no new cases were reported. Joe Arrigo assaulted by Harvey Norton.

10. Death of W. A. Derr. West Brooklyn Railroad presidents visited Dixon on trip to secure higher passenger rates. Geo. B. Marshall sold ice plant to F. J. Sutterlin.

11. "Drys" completed local organization for city campaign.

12. Death of Mary Kelley and Baby Kirtley.

13. Death of Henry Gilbert.

14. Death of C. M. Willey.

15. John Dryson arrested for forgery. Mrs. J. W. Franklin died at Kokomo, Ind.

17. Miss Alice Miller arrested on forgery charge.

18. "Drys" filed petition for city election. Nachusa postoffice robbed of \$130 worth of stamps.

20. Death of Mrs. Geo. Gitt.

21. Death of Timothy Duffy.

23. Robberies at Mrs. John Kerst home and Boynton-Richards clothing store.

24. Death of Mrs. Jonas Orner and Miss Esther Harkins.

27. Deaths of James McCamant, Mrs. Mollie Thomann and Miss Elsie Hull.

28. Death of James Ankeny, Lee Center.

MARCH

2. Death of Manley Newman.

4. Death of Mrs. Sheridan Dodson.

6. Mexican shop lifters arrested following robberies at Vaile & O'Malley and Boynton-Richards stores.

7. Death of Frank Huff and Mrs. Margaret Sparks. Adjutant General Dickson promised encampment of several regiments I. N. G. in Dixon.

9. City primary election.

10. Deaths of Mrs. Antoinette Miller, Ruth Stauffer, Mrs. Rebecca Ayres and Casper Lew.

11. Supervisors vote to build new county infirmary. Death of William P. England.

13. Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal church announced the call of Rev. F. C. Grant of DeKalb to pastorate.

14. Death of Mrs. Ellen Ford and Baby Isdralla.

15. Ora Holderman victim of an attempted hold-up. Borden milk factory adopted new plan for purchasing milk.

17. Death of G. P. French, Sr.

19. Death of Mrs. Charles Entorf, Amboy.

20. Bursting water pipe caused \$350 damage at Sterlings' pharmacy. Mrs. C. B. Chapman and daughter burned by gasoline explosion. Theodore Brink arrested on counterfeiting charge. Four Nelson men fined for gambling.

22. Death of Mrs. Frank Schillair at Grand Rapids, Mich.

23. Rev. L. B. Tobias transferred to Forreston. Death of Mrs. Hugh Curran, Jr.

24. Death of Mrs. Margaret McGrath and Mrs. Mary Miller.

26. Fire damaged H. L. Fordham residence.

27. Death of Thomas Reilly.

30. Death of Dan Leonard, Sr., Harmon; Peter Leuer, Amboy and Mrs. Joseph Hodges.

APRIL

2. W. J. McAlpine awarded contract for new county infirmary, figure \$47,250.

3. Callahan & Whipple's, Edwards and Sterlings' stores robbed. J. H. Hersam purchased Diamond Remedy Co. Death of Mrs. Bridget Morrissey.

4. Death of Alfred O. Bowman.

6. Township elections. Lincoln High way and Hazelwood road paving bond propositions carried. Death of Mrs. Katherine H. Miller.

8. Judges Farrand, Heard and Baume endorsed by republican committee in session at Freeport.

12. Will Cahill purchased H. L. Dolan electric shop. Death of Frank O'Malley.

14. Arthur Olson killed at Nelson. State Utilities commission orders a grade crossing of S. D. & E. and I. C. at Crawford avenue. Death of Arnold Nicolai.

16. Swartleys purchased Rosery of Charles Engle.

17. C. H. Ives and Fred D. Dana appointed presidents of boards of education.

18. Death of Ralph A. Birtlett and August Heldt.

19. John Bennett hit by train at Franklin Grove.

20. City election. "Wets" carried Dixon by 265 majority.

22. Death of Mrs. Lou Zoeller.

25. Deaths of Mrs. James Dwyer and Mrs. Bridget Kilday.

26. W. R. Snyder re-engaged as superintendent of Dixon schools. Licenses of Frank Lawton suspended by city council for one week.

27. John H. Kersten of Ashton killed in fall from barn. Morris Cook, Alto township, elected chairman of Lee county supervisors.

28. Theodore Brink pleaded guilty to counterfeiting and was sentenced to 15 months in Leavenworth prison.

29. Kenneth Church and Harry Weldon hurt in auto accident south of town.

30. County athletic meet held at Amboy. Willard Beach, Mrs. Ray Schrock and son hurt in auto accident east of Dixon.

MAY

1. Geo. W. Conn, Woodstock, took management of E. J. Countryman's store. State Livestock commission put Lee county in exposed quarantine area. State Nurses' association met here.

2. Rev. E. O. Bradshaw resigned pastorate of Baptist church.

3. Clean up week started. 14-year-old Jessie Williams victim of attempted assault. Harley Shepler, river bandit, arrested at Rockford. Death of Jerome McKinney.

4. W. B. Brinton elected president of Chamber of Commerce. Death of Mrs. Emma Trein.

5. Wood & Oakley refused to O. K. Dixon township paving bonds. B. E. Shutt purchased Dixon Inn.

6. Death of W. H. Woodyatt.

7. Death of Miss Lida Johnson at Seattle, Wash.

8. Ford's billiard room robbed.

10. Judge Crabtree appointed A. C. Moeller and W. A. Webber to Board of Review.

11. Telephone operators met here in school of instruction.

13. Death of John Mealey.

17. U. S. supreme court upheld Judge Landis in decision against San dusky-Portland Cement Co. in suit brought by Dixon Pure Ice Co.

19. Wm. Decker unearthed skeleton near milk factory.

20. Fire damaged Dementtown jail.

25. Annual reunion of Thirteenth Ill. Infantry.

26. Death of Ira W. Lewis.

28. Death of Mrs. John O'Malley. Parker memorial fountain arrived in Dixon.

30. Death of Patrick Meeks.

JUNE

2. Death of Mrs. Lewis Drummond and Albert L. Reese. C. D. Booher elected principal of Dixon high school.

3. Mrs. J. L. Derr disappeared from her home; was found next day in M. E. church.

5. Death of Mrs. J. H. Todd.

6. Death of Mrs. Anna Reickart.

7. A. T. Tourtellott appointed chief of police. Circuit Judges Farrand, Heard and Baume re-elected.

6. Ashton farmers held annual picnic.

13. Dixon and vicinity visited by severe electrical storm; Fred Roals blown from a train at Amboy and injured.

14. Mark C. Keller resigned as city attorney.

15. Death of Hans Hanson.

18. Death of C. G. Reiss.

21. News-Leader consolidation announced. Callahan & Whipple purchased "Keystone" building. Death of Mrs. C. H. Lapham and Mrs. Bertha Winden.

22. Deaths of Mrs. W. E. Hall and Mrs. Rebecca Boyer.

24. Representative John P. Devine named by Gov. Dunne as his personal representative at the inquest into the murder of Mrs. Edmund Allen, wife of the warden of Joliet prison.

25. Death of Mrs. Ann Wolf.

26. Death of Benj. F. Filson and Miss Minnie Plant.

27. Death of Mrs. W. B. Steel. Rev. E. O. Bradshaw preached farewell sermon.

28. Lee county freed from foot and mouth quarantine. City council changed meeting day from Monday to Tuesday. Miss May McNair, Arabia, Neb., hurt when auto in which she and parents were riding was struck by train at Franklin Grove.

29. Fred Kupp hurt in accident to machinery on state aid road. E. J. Countryman store sold to George B. Stitzell.

30. Countryman store sold to Mathias & Hatton.

JULY

1. Angier Wilson purchased McBride property for garage site. Claude Myers shot and killed by Samuel Rogers at Polo for alleged insults to his wife.

5. Dixon staged big celebration. Dr. Chandler hurt in auto accident at Ashton. Ned Tippet injured in motor cycle races at Earlville. Calvin Plapp of Hinckley drowned. Assembly bathing beach. Death of James D. Pitcher.

6. Death of Edmund Whitebread.

8. Death of Edward Mailloux.

9. Death of Miss Marian L. Thatcher.

10. Barn on Geiger farm in Nelson township, burned. Loss \$3500.

11. Seventh Regiment I. N. G. went into camp at Camp Duane.

13. Judge Crabtree decided for annexation of territory to Inlet Swamp district.

15. Prescott & Schildberg store was robbed.

18. Second Inf. I. N. G. went into camp here. Death of Mrs. Clara Welch.

19. DeKalb Elks visited the Dixon lodge.

20. Webb Gaylor hurt in explosion at water works.

21. John Green killed in cave-in at Kelley pits. Motorcycle relay riders pass through Dixon enroute to coast.

22. Death of W. J. Kennedy. Rev. J. T. Donahue appointed priest at South Beloit.

24. Second severe electrical storm visited Dixon and vicinity.

26. Otto Asher killed by I. C. switch engine at Sixth St. crossing.

27. Strong College of Music commencement.

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DIXON OPERA HOUSE

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Dramatic Notes

FAMILY THEATRE.

An entire change of vaudeville will be given at the Family this evening, when the following program will be offered: The Vamersons, comedy bar act; Valley City Trio, harmony singers; Dickens & Floyd, comedy singers and talking act, and the ever popular Fred Murray, singer of popular songs.

Pictures for this evening: Betty Nansen in "Should a Mother Tell?" For New Year's day and night, "The Beloved Vagabond," and on Sunday night the six reel play, "The Yankee from the West." A special midnight show will be given this evening, commencing at 11:30, and a continuous show on New Year's from 1 to 11 o'clock.

PRINCESS THEATRE

Tonight the Princess will show an excellent Essanay feature, "The Family Dividend," with Edna Mayo and Bryant Washburn in the leading roles. The comedy on this bill is a Lubin entitled "The Wayville Slumber Party." On New Year's day Manager Showers has arranged a good program consisting of a three reel Edison feature, "The Unwilling Thief," featuring the remarkable child actress, Leonie Flugrath, and Herbert Prior, a story in which a high born girl is forced to become an expert crook.

The comedy on this bill is a Vitagraph, entitled "Crown's Summer Boarders."

On Sunday night a Broadway star feature entitled "The Dancing Doll" featuring Vivian Wessel, will be given, a story of a young dancer who thrills enthusiastic audiences with her wonderful interpretation of the different dances. The comedy for the evening is a Vitagraph entitled "A Safe Investment."

OPERA HOUSE

A special program of photoplays will be shown at the opera house to-night, of features, and it will be your last chance to see pictures at the opera house this year. They follow: "The Superior Claim" a thrilling western drama in 3 parts featuring Edythe Sterling. "Jeanne of the Woods" a beautiful drama of the woodland, with Mary Fuller. "Saved by a Scent" a Joker comedy with Max Asher and "What Might Have Happened" comedy drama. A special show has been booked for New Year's matinee of the following pictures: "God of Sun Island," a sea coast drama in 3 parts, featuring Herbert Rawlinson. "Out of the Flames" a sensational drama in 2 parts with Adele Lane in the leading role. "Curse of a Name" a side splitting L-Ko comedy.

POTASH AND PERLMUTTER

"Delightful," exclaims quaint Morris Perlmutter, when the junior member of the firm of Potash & Perlmutter is first presented to Ruth Goldman, the great cloak and gown designer who is fated to become not only the brains of the firm but also Morris' wife, and "delightful" was the verdict New York pronounced when Manager A. H. Woods first presented Potash and Perlmutter at the Cohan theatre, there, two seasons ago. Now, direct from its second year of overwhelming success in New York "Potash and Perlmutter" comes to us for an engagement of one night only at the Dixon opera house, Sunday, Jan. 2, with a company of splendid artists, and it is safe to say that local theatre-goers will also say "delightful" when they enjoy at last the

charm and humor of this most famous of all comedies. No play has even been heralded with greater praise. The trials and tribulations of Abe and Morris, their witticisms and their philosophy, their keen attention to business and their warmth of heart have endeared them to millions of admirers all over the country and it is safe to say that when this firm holds its "opening" here the "show rooms" in the Dixon opera house will be packed to the doors with loyal, enthusiastic customers.

FIRE LOSSES IN DIXON DURING YEAR \$2,493

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ories have been added to the equipment.

The fires of the year follow:

January—

9. Paul Boehme, lamp explosion, \$489.65

29. Fred Hemmen, thawing frozen pipe—\$5

February—

8. Bee Hive store, chimney burning out

10. John Forrest, same

13. Steel flats, same

14. Frank Rink, same

17. R. M. Martin, same

March—

3. R. M. Martin, sparks from chimney—\$5

4. Mrs. Wolf, chimney burning out

4. LaFayette Nelles, sparks from chimney—\$8

10. Geo. Lula, paper in cellar

20. C. V. Chapman, gasoline, \$545

25. Fred Overstreet, sparks from a chimney

26. H. L. Fordham, defective chimney—\$1,186.01

28. Geo. Kreitzer, sparks from chimney—\$6

28. John Hutton, chimney burning out

April—

2. Mrs. Thomas, same—\$3

9. Geo. Clark, overheated furnace \$11

12. City Steam laundry, chimney burning out

May—

10. Mrs. Fred Smith, stove explosion—\$6

20. Depot avenue lock-up, overheated stove—\$19

22. Nettz garage, gasoline explosion

28. James Fogarty, matches—\$19

28. W. E. Billin, chimney sparks—\$5

June—

5. C. H. Keyes, stove explosion

13. Ross Gillen, same—\$5

July—

5. John Hutton, fireworks—\$75

August—

20. Dixon Grocery Co., gasoline

27. Mrs. Noworthy, sparks from bonfire—\$15

30. Mrs. Anna Crabtree, sparks from chimney—\$35

September—

8. Manhattan restaurant, overheated stove—\$45

October—

21. Ernest Knich, gasoline explosion

November—

7. J. J. Dauntler, greasy waste

13. Distilled Ice Co., boiler explosion

19. Mrs. Joe Graff, sparks from chimney—\$8

December—

9. Mrs. Fred Smith, overheated furnace

11. Thomas Cohn, chimney burning out



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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—At Troyon's, a Paris inn, the youth Marcel Troyon, afterwards to be known as Michael Lanyard, is caught stealing by Burke, an expert thief, who takes the boy with him to America and makes of him a finished cracksmen.

CHAPTER II.—After stealing the Ombre jewels and the Hysman war plans in London Lanyard returns to Troyon's for the first time in many years because he thinks Roddy, a Scotland Yard man, is on his trail. On arrival he finds Roddy already installed as a guest.

CHAPTER III.—At a dinner conversation between Comte de Morbihan, M. Bannion and Mlle. Bannion about the Lone Wolf, a celebrated cracksmen who works alone, puzzles and alarms him as to whether his identity is only guessed or known.

CHAPTER IV.

A Stratagem.

When the maitre d'hotel had shown him all over the establishment—innocently enough, en route, furnishing him with a complete list of his other guests and their rooms, memoranda readily registered by a retentive memory—Lanyard chose the bedchamber next that occupied by Roddy, in the second story.

The consideration influencing this selection was, of course, that so situated he would be in a position not only to keep an eye on the man from Scotland Yard, but also to determine whether or not Roddy were disposed to keep an eye on him.

In those days Lanyard's faith in himself was a beautiful thing. He could not have enjoyed the immunity ascribed to the Lone Wolf so long as he had without gaining a power of sturdy self-confidence in addition to a certain degree of temperate contempt for the spies of the law and all their ways.

Reviewing the scene in the restaurant, Lanyard felt measurably warranted in assuming not only that Roddy was interested in De Morbihan, but that the Frenchman was well aware of that interest. And he resented sincerely his inability to feel as confident that the count, with his gossip about the Lone Wolf, had been merely seeking to divert Roddy's interest to putatively larger game. It was just possible that De Morbihan's identification of Lanyard with that mysterious personage, at least by innuendo, had been unintentional. But somehow Lanyard didn't believe it had.

However, one would surely learn something illuminating before very long. The business of a sleuth is to sleuth, and sooner or later Roddy must surely make some move to indicate the quarter wherein his real interest lay.

Just at present, reasoning from noises audible through the bolted door that communicated with the adjoining bedchamber, the business of a sleuth seemed to comprise going to bed.

Lanyard, shaving and dressing, could distinctly hear a tuneless voice contentedly humming "Sally in Our Alley," a rendition punctuated by one heavy thump, and then another, and then by a heartfelt sigh of relief—as Roddy kicked off his boots—and followed by the tapping of a pipe against grate-bars, the complaint of a window being lowered for ventilation, the click of an electric-light switch, and the creaking of bed springs.

Finally, and before Lanyard had finished dressing, the man from Scotland Yard began placidly to snore.

Of course, he might well be bluffing, for Lanyard had taken pains to let Roddy know that they were room neighbors by announcing his selection in loud tones close to the communicating door.

But this was a question which the adventurer meant to have answered before he went out.

It was hard upon twelve o'clock when the mirror on the dressing table assured him that he was at length in the habit and apparel of a gentleman of elegant nocturnal leisure. But if he approved the figure he cut, it was mainly because clothes interested him, and he reckoned his own impeccability. Of their tenant he was feeling just then a bit less sure than he had half an hour since; his regard was lowering and mistrustful.

He was, in short, suffering reaction from the high spirits engendered by his cross-channel exploits, his successful getaway, and the unusual circumstances attendant upon his return to this memory-haunted mausoleum of an unhappy childhood. He even shivered a trifle, as if under premonition of misfortune.

With one last look round to make certain there was nothing in his room's calculated disorder to incriminate him were it to be searched in his absence, Lanyard enveloped himself in a long, full-skirted coat, clasped on an opera hat, and went out, noisily locking the door. He might as well have left it wide; but it would do no harm to pretend he didn't know the bedchamber keys at Troyon's were interchangeable—identically the same keys, in fact, that had been in service in the time of Marcel the wretched.

A single half-power electric bulb now modified the gloom of the hallway; its fellow made a light blot on the darkness of the courtyard. Even the windows of the conciergerie were black.

None the less Lanyard tapped them smartly.

"Cordon!" he demanded in a strident voice—"Cordon, s'il vous plait!" "Eh?" A startled grunt from within the lodge was barely audible. Then the latch clicked loudly at the end of the passageway.

Groping his way in the direction of this last sound, Lanyard found the small side door ajar. He opened it and hesitated a moment, looking out as though questioning the weather; simultaneously his left fingers wedged the latch back with a thin slip of steel. It had, in fact, not been raining within an hour, but still the sky was dense with a low, sullen wrack of cloud, and still the sidewalks were inkly-wet.

The street was lonely and indifferently lighted, but a swift, searching reconnaissance discovered no spy skulking in the shelter of any of the nearer shadows.

Stepping out, he slammed the door and strode briskly round the corner, as if making for the cab rank that lined up along the Luxembourg gardens of the Rue de Medicis; his boot-heels made cheerful racket in that quiet hour; he was quite audibly going away from Troyon's.

But instead of holding on to the cab rank, he turned the next corner, and then the next, rounding the block; and presently, reapproaching the entrance to Troyon's, paused in the recess of a dark doorway and, lifting one foot after another, slipped rubber pads over his heels. Thereafter his progress was practically noiseless. The smaller door yielded to his touch without a murmur. Inside, he closed it gently and stood a moment listening with all his senses—not with his ears alone, but with every nerve and fiber of his being—with imagination to boot. But there was not a sound or movement in all the house that he could detect.

And no shadow could have made less noise than he, slipping cat-footed across the courtyard and up the stairs, avoiding with superdeveloped sensitiveness every lift that might have complained beneath his tread. In a trice he was again in a corridor leading to his bedchamber.

It was quite as gloomy and empty as it had been five minutes ago, yet with a difference, a something in its atmosphere that made him nod briefly in confirmation of that suspicion which had brought him back so stealthily.

For one thing, Roddy had stopped snoring. And Lanyard smiled over the thought that the man from Scotland Yard might profitably have copied that trick of poor Bourke's, of snoring like the Seven Sleepers when most completely awake.

It was, naturally, no surprise to find his bedchamber door unlocked and slightly ajar. Lanyard made sure of his automatic, strode into the room, and shut the door quietly, but by no means soundlessly.

He had left the shades down and the hangings drawn at both windows; and since these had not been disturbed, something nearly approaching complete darkness reigned in the room. But though promptly on entering his fingers had closed upon the wall



He Saw Not Roddy, but a Woman.

switch near the door, he refrained from turning up the lights immediately, with a fancy, of impish inspiration, that it would be amusing to learn what move Roddy would make when the tension became too much even for his trained nerves.

Several seconds passed without the least sound disturbing the stillness.

Lanyard himself grew a little impatient when his sight didn't become accustomed to the darkness because it was too absolute—it pressed against his staring eyeballs like a black fluid, impenetrably opaque, as unbroken as

the hush within that room.

Still he waited. Surely Roddy wouldn't be able much longer to endure such suspense.

And, surely enough, the silence was abruptly broken by a strange and moving sound, a hushed cry of alarm that was half a moan and half a sob.

Lanyard himself was startled, for that was never Roddy's voice!

There was a noise of muffled and confused footsteps, as though someone had started in panic for the door, then stopped in terror.

Words followed—the strangest he could have imagined—words spoken in a gentle and tremulous voice:

"In pity's name! who are you and what do you want?"

Thunderstruck, Lanyard switched on the lights.

At a distance of some six paces he saw not Roddy but a woman, and not a woman merely, but the girl he had met in the restaurant.

CHAPTER V.

Anticlimax.

The surprise was complete; but it's a question which party thereto was the more affected.

Lanyard stared with the eyes of stupefaction, his jaw slack. To his fancy, this thing passed the compass of simple incredulity—it wasn't merely improbable, it was preposterous; it was anticlimax exaggerated to the proportion of the grotesque.

He had come prepared to surprise and bullyrag the most astute police detective of whom he had any knowledge; he found himself surprised and disconcerted by this!

Confusion no less intense informed the girl's expression; her eyes were fixed to his with a look of blank inquiry; her face, whose coloring had won his admiration two hours since, was now colorless; her lips were just ajar; the fingers of one hand touched her cheek, indenting it.

The other hand caught up before her the long skirts of a pretty robe de chambre, beneath whose edge was visible a hand's breadth of shimmering white silk, with the toe of a silken mule to match the dressing gown. Thus she stood, poised for flight, at tired only in a negligence over what, one couldn't help suspecting, was her nightdress—her hair was down, she was unquestionably all ready for her bed.

But Bourke's long and patient training had been wasted if this man proved one to remain long at loss.

Rallying his wits quickly, he made a brave show of accepting this amazing accident as a commonplace.

"I beg your pardon, Miss Bannion—"

he began with a formal bow.

She interrupted with a gasp of wondering recognition. "Mr. Lanyard!"

He inclined his head a second time: "Sorry to disturb you—"

"But I don't understand—"

"Unfortunately," he proceeded smoothly, "I forgot something when I went out and had to come back for it."

"But—but—"

"Yes?"

Suddenly her gaze for the first time broke from his and swept the room with a glance of wild dismay.

"This room," she breathed—"I don't know it—"

"It is mine."

"Yours! But—"

"That is how I happened to—interrupt you."

The girl shrank back a pace—two paces—uttering in low-toned monosyllable of understanding, an "Oh!" abruptly gasped. Simultaneously her face and throat flamed scarlet with the color that flooded them.

"Your room, Mr. Lanyard!"

Her tone was so convincing in its modulation of shame and horror that his heart misgave him. Not that alone, but the girl was very good to look upon.

"I'm sure," he began soothingly, "it doesn't matter. You mistook one door for the—"

"But you don't understand!" She shuddered. "This dreadful habit! And I was hoping I had outgrown it! How can I explain?"

"Believe me, Miss Bannion, you need explain nothing."

"But I must. I wish to, I couldn't bear to have you think— But surely you can make allowances for sleep-walking!"

To this appeal he could at first return nothing more intelligent than a dazed repetition of the term.

So that was how— Why hadn't he thought of it before? Ever since he had turned on the lights he had been subjectively busy trying to invest her presence there with some plausible excuse. But somnambulism had never once entered his mind. And in his stupidity, at pains though he had been to render his words inoffensive in themselves, he had been guilty of constructive incivility.

In his turn Lanyard colored warmly. "I beg your pardon," he muttered.

The girl paid no attention; she was thinking only of herself and the anomalous position into which her infirmity had tricked her. When she did speak her words ran swiftly:

"You see— I was so frightened! I found myself suddenly standing up in darkness, just as if I had jumped out of bed in my sleep at some alarm; and then I heard somebody enter the room and shut the door stealthily. Oh, please understand me!"

"But I do, Miss Bannion—quite."

"I am so ashamed—"

"Please don't consider it that way."

"But now that you know—you don't think—"

"My dear Miss Bannion!"

"But it must be so hard to credit! Why, it's more than a year since it last happened. Of course, as a child, it was almost a habit; they had to watch me all the time. Once— But that doesn't matter. I am so sorry!"

"You really mustn't worry," Lanyard insisted. "It's all quite natural—such things do happen— are happening all the time—"

"But I don't want you—"

"I am nobody, Miss Bannion. Besides, I shan't mention the matter to a soul. And if ever I am fortunate enough to meet you again, I shall have forgotten it completely—believe me."

There was convincing sincerity in his tone. The girl looked down, as though abashed.

"You are very good," she murmured, moving toward the door.

"I am very fortunate."

Her glance of surprise was question enough.

"To be able to treasure this much of your confidence," he responded with a tentative smile.

She was near the door; he opened it for her, but cautioned her with a gesture and a whispered word: "Wait. I'll make sure nobody's about."

He stepped noiselessly into the hall and paused an instant, looking keenly right and left, listening.

The girl advanced to the threshold and there halted, hesitant, eying him anxiously.

He nodded reassurance: "All right—coast's clear!"

But she delayed one moment more.

"It's you who are mistaken," she whispered, flushing again beneath his regard, from which admiration could not be absent. "It is I who am fortunate—to have met a gentleman."

Her diffident smile, together with the candor of her eyes, embarrassed him in such degree that for the moment he was unable to frame a reply.

"Good night," she whispered—"and thank you, thank you!"

Her room was at the far end of the corridor. She gained its threshold in one swift dash, noiseless save for the silken whisper of her garments, turned, flashed him a final look that left him with the thought that novelists did not always exaggerate, that eyes could shine like stars.

Her door closed softly.

Lanyard shook his head, as if to dissipate a swarm of pestering thoughts, and went back into his own bedchamber.

He was quite content with the explanation the girl had given, but as the victim of a methodical and pertinacious habit of mind, spent five busy minutes examining his room and all that it contained with a perseverance that would have done credit to a Frenchman searching for a mislaid sou.

If pressed, he would have been put to it to name what he sought or thought to find. What he did find was that nothing had been tampered with, and nothing more—not even so much as a dainty lace-trimmed wisp of sheer linen bearing the lady's monogram and exhaling a faint but individual perfume.

Which, when he came to consider it, seemed hardly playing the game by the book.

As for Roddy, Lanyard wasted several minutes, now and again, listening attentively at the communicating door; but if the detective had stopped snoring, his respiration was clear enough in that quiet hour, a sound of harsh monotony.

True, that proved nothing; but Lanyard, after the fiasco of his first attempt to catch his enemy awake, was no more disposed to be hypercritical; he had his fill of being ingenious and profound. And when presently he again left Troyon's—this time without troubling the rest of the concierge—it was with the reflection that, if Roddy were really playing possum, he was welcome to whatever he could find in the quarters of Michael Lanyard.

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CHRONOLOGY, 1915

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30. Death of A. K. Trusdell.

31. Opening of Rock River Assembly. R. L. Halling purchased Joe Miller taxi line.

AUGUST

1. Death of Mrs. Mary Clancy.

4. Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Brier-ton.

5. Death of Mrs. Wilhelmina Frieg-ge.

6. Death of Herman Gunz at Center City, Minn. Death of L. E. Burdick.

7. Harry K. Thaw visited Dixon. Hugh Missman auto backed into race at foot of Crawford Ave. endangering lives of occupants. Death of Peter Conley.

8. Evan Williams day at Assembly. Sixth Regiment broke camp. Russell Woodyatt badly hurt by live wire.

13. Dr. L. R. Trowbridge's office robbed.

14. Roy Wadsworth's auto struck by C. & N. W. train at Third street crossing.

16. Co. G rifle team finished third in Sixth regiment shoot.

16. Arthur Nelson struck by Loh-man auto on Palmyra road and his leg was broken. Lee county teachers' institute convened at Dixon.

17. Soldiers' & Sailors' reunion here.

23. Hagenbeck-Wallace shows played Dixon. Death of Harvey Herrick.

25. Irma Heckman, aged 8, Nachusa township, killed by bursting fan in thrasher engine. Death of Frederick Seibert.

27. Charles S. Carlton hurt in fall. Mrs. A. Moore started \$1,000 damage suit against city of Dixon. First frost of year. Death of Mrs. Nellie Daw.

28. Death of John E. Lenox.

30. South side school started. Walnut school burned. Deaths of Mrs. Elizabeth Harper, Viola, D. P. Crook,

Ha mon.

31. Telegraph again made official paper of City of Dixon. E. F. Meyer injured in i. C. yards.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Foot and mouth disease appeared on Martini farm in May township.

3. Frank Stevens purchased Sycamore Republican. Miss Mabel Munson and Mrs. Platt of DeKalb badly hurt in auto accident at Ashton.

5. Deaths of Henry W. Sunday and Raymond D. Waterbury. Baptists extended call to Rev. George W. Stoddard of Streator.

8. Misses Agnes Howell, and Helen Tribou, Dixon, and Horace Cartwright and Lee Ray, Oregon; Wm. Hermismier, Freeport; Ralph Keckler and Van Lannen, Polo, hurt in auto collision in North Dixon. Elks' big clam bake. Deaths of Sheldon T. Burchard and Timothy Lester, Amboy.

7. Board of Review completed its work. Added \$401,335 property to tax books.

8. E. J. Condon started suit against city of Dixon for \$2000.

11. Deaths of George Laing, Jacob May, Miss Mary Garland and Miss Matilda Kane.

12. Dr. L. B. Swingle's auto stolen.

14. Lee County Fair opened.

16. Louis Baracsky electrocuted at cement plant.

17. Frank Murray hurt in Nelson railroad yards.

18. Leonard Rorer leased Family theatre.

20. Michael Johns fined for bootlegging on state colony grounds. September term of Circuit Court convened.

21. Death of Col. Thomas Morgan.

22. Dixon Moose announced beginning of campaign for \$30,000 building. Supervisors named Chicago road and Harmon highway as state air roads. Representative Devine elected vice chairman of State Efficiency and Economy commission.

23. Death of Albert Harms, hurt in accident at motordome, Lee Co. Fair grounds Sept. 16.

25. H. E. Davis and Tim Kinney of Dixon and Tim Stultz, Wm. Downey and Louis Graham of Freeport hurt in freight collision in North Dixon i. C. yards. Death of W. C. Yenerick of Ashton. James Clark killed in auto accident southeast of Ashton.

26. Death of Mrs. Joseph Stuecker.

27. Hermismier and Wilson fined \$150. Cartwright fined \$100 by Magistrate Kent for violation of automobile laws at time of Labor day accident. W. T. Harrison and S. J. Mall go over embankment north of city in automobile.

30. Death of Mrs. A. H. Stoddard.

OCTOBER.

2. Death of Mrs. Hugh McKay.

5. H. A. Bliten had arm crushed in railroad accident at Nachusa. Louis Brown shot in the leg by John Nives after an alleged attack with knife at cement hotel.

6. State Lutheran Missionary convention held here.

7. Death of Miss Nancy Freeze.

9. Joseph Mahan hit by train on Nelson bridge; died at Dixon hospital. Little Arthur Krug killed by running into Albert Daehler's automobile. Death of Attorney Charles H. Wooster.

11. Chicago Whales beat Dixon. H. J. Dujs, Nelson, died.

12. Rev. Stone sent to Elgin church. Rev. E. C. Lumsden coming to Dixon. City council passed weights and measures ordinance.

14. Deaths of Mrs. Albert Glessner, Lewis Reynolds, George Gantzert.

15. Nelson depot robbed.

18. Mrs. Grace Bott arrested on a bigamy charge.

19. Black Hawk Trail association formed at meeting in Dixon. Douglas Highway Assn. also resulted from the meeting.

22. Roland Hampton found guilty of rape. Messrs. Hagen, Miller and Buchner elected to Y. M. C. A. directorate.

23. Chicago automobile drivers in city on endurance run. W. R. Snyder elected a director of Northern Illinois Teachers' Assn.

24. Go to Sunday school Sunday. Death of D. B. Raymond.

26. Fred Piper arrested for holding Emma Summerville prisoner for five weeks on island west of city.

27. Little George Ransom badly stung by bees.

30. Bar Assn. held memorial exercises for W. B. McMahan, Ira W. Lewis, A. K. Trusdell and C. H. Dooster. Death of John Drew.

NOVEMBER

2. Special Master Hanneken decided deed in Swartz farm sale was fraudulent.

Judge Farrand overruled Special Master Hanneken in Swartz farm case.

11. Death of Mrs. Catherine Moss-holder. Rice-Shrover auto accident.

12. Lee county removed from all

quarantine restrictions.

13. Explosion of boiler wrecked boiler room at artificial ice plant.

15. Police raided gambling game in Hamilton bicycle shop.

16. F. D. Palmer appointed as city sealer of weights and measures.

18. Death of Mrs. James W. Rice. Death of John Collins.

20. Death of Sam Wolford.

21. State Highway commission disapproved Lee county board's selection of Harmon highway as state aid road.

25. Death of Mrs. Johanna Krohn. Fred Coe killed and Roy Johnson fatally hurt in auto accident in West Pullman.

27. S. D. & E. fined \$25 for violating Sterling anti-liquor shipment ordinance. Roy Johnson died of injuries received in Thanksgiving auto accident. Death of E. J. Hollenbeck.

28. Rev. C. E. Stebbins called to Pecatonica church.

29. Death of Mrs. Charles Parlin.

30. Death of William Drew.

DECEMBER

1. Death of Mrs. Caroline Hoyle.

3. Edwin Cairns shot by John Schaper near Compton. John Fernando and Frank Senora badly cut in Mexican melee

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Bits of Byplay

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Give Her Credit.

The housewife admiringly begs. Oh, what a job to tackle! She lays about a million eggs And never stops to cackle.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, what is a self-possessed man? Paw—A bachelor, my son.

Wuff!

"The doggone railroad I will sue," Cried angry Mr. Thrasher, "For though you check your baggage you Can't check the baggage smasher."

The Wise Fool.

"He who goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing," quoted the sage. "Oh, I don't know," corrected the fool. "It is usually the fellow who does the lending that does the sorrowing."

Draw.

The artist got up. He was sore. Said he: "I'm through! My land! I won't play poker any more, For I can't draw a hand."

Huh!

"No business man has any use for a dead one," remarked the wise guy. "How about the undertaker?" asked the grouch.

Dedication.

Fall my friends! Has Hiram Grow; He never says, "I told you so!" —Cincinnati Enquirer.

As popular.

Is Sam Wren; He never says, "Say, lend me ten!" —State.

Not classed with these.

Is Jacob Lot; He always says, "Oh, say this pot!" —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Hating People.

It doesn't pay to hate a man. If you don't like him laugh at him. This will make you feel better, and it won't hurt him much. —Luke McLuke.

Now isn't that nice? Think how many people waste their time and their energy hating other people! It's mighty hard work to get angry. A fit of anger has ruined many a half day's work. You—yes, you—"get mad," as you put it, and you talk and splutter around and give up a whole lot of time that might better be put to your work, and what does it profit you? Nothing. Finally you get over it, and all you have to show for it is the wasted time. Philosopher Luke is right. Better just laugh about the man you don't like. You will feel better, and it won't make any difference to him. —Winnington (O.) Journal-Republic.

Sad.

That married man's a silent gawk, He's always in the wrong. Said he, "I often long to talk, But friend wife talks too long."

Was He White?

Dear Luke—I. B. Greene was arrested here by Officer Brown. As he stepped into the black Maria he remarked that he felt blue—Will Denness, Deputy Clerk, Police Court, Louisville, Ky.

Names Is Names.

Miss Una Lyre lives on North Fourth street, Hamilton, O.

Things to Worry About.

The Romans were the first people to shave.

Our Daily Special.

The bonehead plays are not all pulled off in the baseball arena.

Luke McLuke Says:

You may not have noticed it, but as a rule the kid who looks like a doll baby uses infant class grammar.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who spent his whole life trying to invent a non-reliable bottle?

Maybe the reason why a girl doesn't appear on the street wearing her own natural complexion is because she does not want to be too conspicuous.

Better a wife who can keep silent in one language than a wife who can converse in six languages.

The automobile is a great invention. But it is doubtful if it will ever be responsible for as many marriages as was the old-fashioned horse and buggy.

All silver dollars are exactly the same size. But it is funny how much bigger a silver dollar looks when it is going than it does when it is coming.

It is all right to call a man a liar to his teeth when his teeth are false.

Every man has enough sentiment in his makeup to commit to memory some little verse and to clip out and save some poem that appeals to him.

When a colored man gets to be about sixty-five years old he likes to add about thirty years to his age and tells everybody that he is ninety-five.

There isn't much high cost of living in the small towns, where the evening dissipation consists of a parade by the town belles, who walk down one side of Main street and up the other side with the male population of the town as an audience.

The most unpopular woman in a neighborhood is the one who never does anything that the other neighbors can gossip about.

Every time a woman sees a mirror she thinks it is time for reflection.

BY MAIL

The Evening Telegraph is \$3 a year; the Semi-Weekly Telegraph is \$1.50 a year.

DU PONT BLAZE PERILS 300

Fire of incendiary origin is checked before explosion.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 31.—Three hundred workmen were imperiled by a fire of supposed incendiary origin, and which has just become known, in one of the buildings of the Du Pont Powder company at Bardsdale, near Washburn, according to District Attorney Mark Catlin, who has returned from there.

Effort was made to keep the fire a secret, according to Mr. Catlin. The plant was saved when several of the workmen shut off the blazing section from another part of the building where a great quantity of nitroglycerin was stored. The pecuniary loss was small.

SCHMIDT IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury Convicts Him of Murder in Los Angeles Dynamiting Case.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Mathew A. Schmidt, charged with the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of twenty men killed when the Los Angeles Times building was blown up five years ago, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Two clockwork devices which Orrie E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter, declared were arranged by James M. McNamara and were exactly like that which McNamara used in the bomb which blew up the Times building, were introduced in the trial.

AIRMEN BOMBARD SALONIKI

German Aeroplanes Make First Appearance Over Allied Positions.

Saloniki, Dec. 31.—For the first time three German aeroplanes flew over Saloniki and bombarded the town. They were shelled by the allied fleet and pursued by allied aeroplanes.

This is the first time the Germans have violated territory occupied by the allies. The hostile German aeroplanes returned at noon and dropped more bombs.

CONVENTION DATE SELECTED

Prohibitionists to Meet in Minneapolis July 19.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Prohibition national convention will be held in Minneapolis July 19, it is announced by the Prohibition national committee which is in session at its headquarters here.

Betha Quits Peace Party.

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant Governor Betha of South Carolina is said to have resigned from the Ford peace party. He is returning to America.

EAST GROVE

East Grove, Dec. 28.—William Rogers met with a painful accident on Thursday, fracturing a limb.

Manges McFadden, who was a highly respected citizen of this community, passed away at his home Friday evening after a six weeks illness. The funeral was held Monday at St. Patrick's church in Maytown.

Miss Charlotte McCann went to Dixon to spend Christmas with her sister.

Miss Pearl Dishong who has been quite sick for several weeks, does not improve as rapidly as her friends would wish.

Miss Anna Huffman spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. John Stewart at Amboy.

Miss Clara Smith is spending the holidays with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smiley departed for their home in Washington D. C. Monday.

Mrs. Clayton Wickiser is spending the holidays with her parents at Deer Grove.

Joe Meurer shelled and delivered corn to Walton Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Sheehan, formerly a resident here, passed away Friday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Anderson at Ohio after a several months' illness.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

On account of quitting farming I will have a closing out sale at my farm 6 1/2 miles east of Rock Falls, 3 miles south of Nelson, 4 1/2 miles northwest of Harmon, on

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916

of the following property:

11 Head of Horses: Gray gelding 6 years old; gray mare 8 years old; white mare 10 years old; sorrel mare 7 years old; bay mare 15 years old; black horse 15 years old; 2 geldings coming 3 years old; 2 geldings coming 2 years old; 1 spring colt.

9 Head of Cattle: 5 head of milk cows; 4 calves.

20 Head of Hogs: 15 spring shoats, 5 fall pigs.

Farm Machinery: 5 ft. McCormick mower, Great Western spreader, 2 box wagons, hay rack, bob sled, fanning mill, corn planter, broadcast seeder, 2 buggies, 2 harrows, walking plow, 2 sulky plows, Tower plow, Deere 2 row surface plow, feed grinder, corn sheller.

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Free lunch at 11 o'clock. Sale to commence immediately after.

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Again and again we have read of strangers in distant towns who have been cured by this or that medicine. But Dixon's pertinent question has always been "Has any one here in Dixon been cured?" The word of a stranger living a hundred miles away may be true, but it cannot have the same weight with us as the word of our own citizens, whom we know and respect, and whose evidence we can so easily prove.

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MARKETS

Local prices paid for grain:

Oats 36 37
Corn 40 70

Local Produce quotations.

Pay Sell
Creamery butter 40 40
Dairy butter 38 38

Lard 10 15
Eggs 32 37

Potatoes 70 90
Spring chickens 16 20

Ducks 18 22
Geese 18 22

Turkeys 25 30

Poultry.

Light hens 8
Heavy hens 9

Springers 13
Old Toms 10

Indian Runners 8
Young turkeys 15

White ducks 10
Geese 9

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TIME TABLE
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY.
Correct time of all trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers and freight: Daily. *Daily except Sunday.
South Bound.
Local Express, Dly ex Sun 7:15 a.m.
123 Southern Exp. 11:10 a.m.
121 Clinton Exp.* 6:10 p.m.
North Bound.
132 Waterloo Exp.* 10:06 a.m.
124 Local Mail 6:10 p.m.
120 Local Exp.* 8:19 p.m.
Freeport Freight* 12:30 p.m.
CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.
Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon. *Daily except where otherwise specified:
East Bound to Chicago.
No. Lv. Dixon Ar. Chicago
6 8:23 a.m. 6:45 a.m.
24 6:23 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
28 7:21 a.m. dly ex Sun 10:30 a.m.
18 8:05 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
10 11:19 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
20 11:01 a.m. dly ex Sun 2:25 p.m.
4 4:21 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:25 p.m.
100 4:15 p.m. Sun. only 7:25 p.m.
12 6:10 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
West Bound.
No. Lv. Chicago Ar. Dixon
5 7:00 a.m. ex Sun. 10:20 a.m.
9 7:10 a.m. Sun only 10:23 a.m.
13 10:30 a.m. 1:05 p.m.
19 12:15 p.m. dly ex Sun 3:34 p.m.
27 4:20 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:26 p.m.
11 6:05 p.m. 8:40 p.m.
25 6:10 p.m. 8:57 p.m.
17 9:35 p.m. 11:53 p.m.
*7 10:00 p.m. 12:28 a.m.
3 10:45 p.m. 1:57 a.m.
No. Lv. Dixon Ar. Peoria

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Price \$100 per acre, 1-3 or more
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bargain than can be found between
here and St. Cloud, but with 1 we
give deed to 100 acres first class
pasture and hay land, worth \$50.00
per acre. This is the most desirable
200-acre bargain in this part of the
state. Come and see it.

WADSWORTH CO.,
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Minn. 571t

Mrs. E. C. Gregory returned home
Wednesday to Freeport after spend-
ing the holidays with her sister, Mrs.
M. J. McGowan.

"BEAUTIFUL DIXON"

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Miss Brinton instilled much enthu-
siasm into the company gathered at
her home by her talk on city plan-
ning, what other cities have done and
are doing, and what great possibili-
ties are being neglected in Dixon.
Miss Brinton said that Dixon has
everything natural to make it possi-
ble to make a beautiful city and that
the people owe it to themselves an-
the city to make the most of the gifts
that nature has endowed upon Dixon.

The general plans that the Park
board have in mind for the beautify-
ing of Dixon are not expensive and
they extend over a period of years. It
is proposed to go about them sanely
and economically and keep steadily
at work along the lines of one city-
wide general plan that is connected
and has relation to the good and im-
provement of the city as a whole.
Plans that Mr. Simonds, landscape
gardener for the Park board, has
made for the improvement of the river
banks and Haymarket square, as
well as some new work at Lowell
park, were exhibited at the meeting.

OFFICERS' SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN DIXON

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
OF NATIONAL GUARD WILL
MEET HERE

INSTRUCTION BY U.S.A. OFFICER

It is the intention of the United
states war department to have the
state militia brought up to a greater
degree of efficiency than what they
are at the present time. To that
end the government has been send-
ing out men all over the country,
from the regular army, to drill, not
only the privates, but the officers as
well. Captain Patterson of the U. S.
army has been assigned to this section
of the country, including the compa-
nies of Dixon, Sterling and Morrison.
He has made one visit to Company
G and it is the intention to
make the companies once every six
weeks until the state encampment
which will meet in the middle of
July or August.

Arrangements are being made for
a school of instruction for all com-
missioned officers of the regiment of
the state this winter. The one for
this sections to be, he held in Dixon
some time in January to be deter-
mined later. The work for the offi-
cers will be of the stiffest kind and
will include two or three days.

Every bit of this work is being
done by the government and not by
the state, as it is thought by the gov-
ernmental army that there is need
for better work in the United States
and this was the best method of do-
ing it.

While there is nothing definite re-
garding the location of the state en-
campment yet it is thought that it
will be in Springfield this year. The
companies have been at various
places throughout the the state in
the past ten years, and in many
ways it is thought not to be the best
plan.

HOBERG BOWLERS IN VICTORY FROM LYND'S

WON TWO OF THREE CONTESTS
PLAYED ON BRUNSWICK
ALLEYS.

At the Brunswick bowling alleys
Thursday evening Hoberg's team took
two of three games from the Lynds
team. The high score of the evening
was made by Hedley in the last game,
when he made 213 pins. The scores
follow:

Hoberg			
Hoberg	197	178	155
Elliott	156	143	187
Vaile	207	138	145
Ryan	166	135	140
Rosbrook	160	150	210
	886	748	837
Lynds.			
Dominick	159	138	123
Falstrom	142	143	165
Lynds	166	155	148
Hedley	148	132	213
G. Hedley	160	150	210
	775	718	859

Ought Not to Have to Do It.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 31.—Mrs. John Schu-
mann of this city won her plea to keep
her children when she proved to the
court that she supported her invalid
husband, her uncle, six children and
herself on \$9.25 a week.

Girls Left Out for First Time.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 31.—For the first
time in the history of the Alton High
school the annual class play at that
school will have no girls in the cast
this year.

39c 39c

Big Pocket Knife Sale

We are making a special price of
39c for first-class Pocket Knives many
of which sell regularly for more than
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There are 50 patterns from which
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Betty Nansen in ?SHOULD A MOTHER TELL?

A Wonderful Photoplay of a Woman's Trial and Sacrifice.

Tonight the last show this year starts at ten-thirty. Remember only one "MIDNIGHT SHOW"
a year, so bring your friends and we will welcome 1916 in, in such a way that it will not
be forgotten in a hurry. Bring your horns and bells and wait for twelve. Come early and get
a seat, come late and try to get in.

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